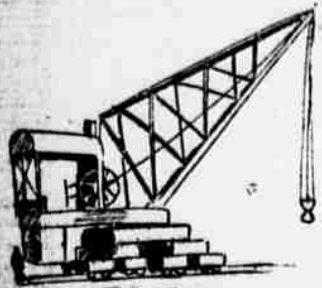


ARMOR FOR MAINE'S TURRETS.

Fine Qualities of the Big Plates
Now at the Navy-Yard.

Vessel in Dry Dock While They Are
Placed—New York's Bell.

Ten mammoth armor plates, weighing twenty tons each, are lying on the dock at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, and a large force of men will begin the work of placing them in position on the new cruiser Maine early next week.



THE TRAVELING CRANE.

The plates are regarded as the most interesting feature in the construction of the Maine, as when in an engagement the safety of all on board the American vessel would depend almost wholly upon the strength of this armor to resist the enemy's projectiles.

And the greatest care has been taken in making them. Government officials have inspected them at every step in the process of their manufacture, and the ingredients of each plate have been carefully watched and tested by special chemists, to note that the amount of carbon, iron and other ingredients has been in proper proportions, so that the plates will meet with all the requirements of the contract, and coincide with the calculations of the Government engineers.

When they have been completed the plates are sent to the Government testing station in Virginia, and if they resist a ball from a ten-inch gun traveling at the rate of 3,000 feet a second they are accepted for Uncle Sam's new vessel.

The plates are made of the finest nickel steel. They are nine by eleven and a half feet, and twelve inches thick. Some are square, slightly curved, so as to fit on a circle, while others are rectangular, but also curved on the exterior.

When in position these plates form a separate compartment from the rest of

the ship, and when in an encounter with an enemy it is expected that the gunners will be pretty safe.



THE MAINE AT THE NAVY-YARD.

This armor, which is of the pattern called barbettes, will be backed by other plates, two and a half inches thick, which are made of the finest steel, back of which is an eighteen-inch wooden wall of the best yellow pine.

These plates are perfect and without a single flaw. They may be said to be good examples of the progress this country has made in the manufacture of steel.

The plates were manufactured by the Bethlehem Steel Company, at Bethlehem, Pa., which has made most of the armor for the vessels of the new navy. Although the company received the contract over a year ago, and at once began the work of manufacturing the plates, they were not received at the Navy-Yard until the other day.

Just what these plates cost, nobody but the officials at Washington and the Steel Company know, but some idea may be conveyed by the fact that at the Troy Arsenal it costs \$1 a pound to make a big gun, which is manufactured from the same steel as the plates.

It will take a big force of men to place the plates in position, and several months will elapse before they are all properly adjusted.



ONE OF THE ARMOR PLATES.

The Maine is now in the stone dry-dock, and the plates are lying alongside. In order to get the plates in position for the riveters, they will have to be lifted by a big traveling crane, the capacity of which is forty tons.

The most difficult work in the construction of the Maine will, it is thought, be experienced in fitting these plates in the turret of the vessel. An error of half an inch in their manufacture would mean a loss of much time and many hundreds of dollars to the Government or the makers.

Ten more of these plates will be re-

ceived and put in position before the Maine is taken out of dock.

When this work has been finished the ship's armor will be complete, and soon after she will go into commission as one of the finest vessels in the great white fleet of the United States.

The big bell which is to be presented to the armored cruiser New York by members of the Seventh Regiment is on exhibition in a window at the corner of Eighteenth street and Broadway, where perhaps 20,000 persons inspected it yesterday.

The suggestion that the regiment present the ship with the bell was made by Lieutenant H. C. Duval, of Company G, and each company in the regiment contributed to the fund.

A number of silver match-safes and watch-chains were contributed by members of the regiment, and this silver was mixed with the bell metal. The bell weighs about 300 pounds.

On the outside surface the coat of arms of the State of New York has been etched, with the motto of the Seventh Regiment, "Pro Patria et Gloria," as a part of the device. Below is a plain inscription, announcing that the bell is the gift of the Seventh Regiment.

Col. Daniel Appleton, of the Seventh, wrote to Secretary Herbert, presenting the bell on behalf of the regiment. It will be sent to Cranps' wharf and put in place. Unless the cruiser puts into this port soon, it is not likely that a formal presentation ceremony will take place.

WOMEN HIS VICTIMS.

Jersey City Police Looking for a Worthless Check Passer.

Jersey City detectives and patrolmen were this morning notified to keep a sharp lookout for a gentleman appearing man about fifty years of age, light build, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, gray hair, beard and mustache, and wearing dark clothes and glasses.

He is wanted for passing forged checks upon unsuspecting people, the victims generally being women.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the stranger called at the residence 100 Grand street and inquired for Mr. Hector and was told that Mr. Hector would not be home until after 6 o'clock. The stranger expressed his regret, saying that he owed a bill of \$20 and being about to leave for a visit to the Chicago fair wished to settle. Perhaps Mrs. Hector would receive the money.

She would. Then the stranger produced a check for \$25, and Mrs. Hector returned to him \$5 in change.

Mrs. Hector handed the check to her husband on his return home, and he was not long in ascertaining that the check was worthless.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

THE OUTDOOR HORSE SHOW.

Rich Prizes Offered in the Various
Exhibits This Year.

It Begins June 5 and Will Continue
for a Week.

The second annual outdoor exhibition of the United States Horse and Cattle Show Society, of which Col. William Jay, ex-Secretary Whitney, T. Sufferin Taylor, Reginald W. Ilves, Theodore A. Havemeyer and others are officers, opens Monday, June 5, at the Society's grounds, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, and will continue for one week.

James T. Hyde, the secretary, has booked a gratifyingly large number of entries, and the show bids fair to be more attractive than its predecessor.

Nine special prizes have been added since the prize list was issued, bringing the number of prize competitions up to 141. The entries closed Thursday.

There will be prizes for thoroughbreds, trotters, roadsters, hackneys, coaching stallions, shires, Clydesdales, Percherons, draught horses, harness horses, and ponies in tandem, teams, four-in-hand and under saddle; prizes for hunters, jumpers, hurdlers, juveniles and police horses. And all this will call to either a most notable convention of equines.

The grounds of the Society are the most complete of the kind in America. There is a quarter-mile track for trotters, carriage and saddle horses, and on the lawn which the track encloses are erected fences for the hurdle jumpers. There is an elegantly appointed clubhouse for members, and a restaurant. The grand-stands are covered and are fitted with comfortable seats for 10,000 spectators.

The prizes offered by the Society are divided into three classes. The first prizes run from \$100 to \$200, the second, \$50 to \$100, and third prizes, from \$20 to \$50.

There are fifty special prizes offered by patrons and patronesses of the show and lovers of man's most useful animal. Mrs. George Green offers \$100 in plate or money for the best lady's saddle horse, and each competitor must be ridden by a lady.

Walton Storm caps this by an offer of a silver toilet set worth \$125 to the best lady rider.

W. D. Grand offers a \$250 horse for the best amateur driving of a pair of horses to a four-wheeled carriage, and C. F. Bates will give \$50 for the best driving of a pair to four wheels by a coachman.

Messrs. Roosevelt and Schuyler offer the Rulant Cup, worth \$150, to the best

pair of horses and best-appointed four-wheeled cabriolet or victoria.

John Osborne, Son & Co. offer the Piper Herald Cup, valued at \$100, for the best pair of draught horses, the property of brewers, and Hilton, Hughes & Co. \$100 in plate or cash for the best horse and best-appointed light delivery wagon.

Henry Astor (Avery) offers money or plate to the value of \$200 for the master showing not less than five couple of hounds, horses, hounds and appointments to be considered. Mrs. Charles B. Hogg offers \$50 in money or plate for the best tandem of ponies, 12 to 14 1/2 hands high, and ex-Gov. James E. Campbell, of Ohio, will give \$100 to the owner of the best registered Hackney pony stallion, two years old and not over thirteen hands high.

Other patrons offering special prizes are August Belmont, William Pierre Symus Jr., Samuel H. Rundle, Channing M. Britton, Robert J. Dean, George T. Putney, E. C. Potter, Nathan Brewster, Henry C. Stetson, C. F. Havemeyer, John A. Logan, the Pittsford Farm, the Grasslands Farm, the Hempstead Farm, a member of the Westchester Club polo team, W. R. H. Martin, Louis V. Bell, The Rider and Driver, F. A. Watson, Moddawn Park Stock Farm, Mitchell Harrison, Solomon S. Mead, of Portchester, Harris & Nixon, J. M. Condon, J. J. Ware, Hotel Waldorf, W. Gould Brookway, the Society, Essex County Hunt, Westminster Hotel Lincoln, William Easton, C. B. Meserole, Emilie Neustadt, Albert Tilt and J. Dickman Brown.

Farmers Swindled Out of \$50,000.

LIMA, May 20.—A farming-mill agent called on Infantry Director William Patterson recently and had him take an agency. Patterson signed a contract for what he thought to be an order for one machine. Yesterday fifty came by express with notices from his bank that they had for collection his notes for thirty days, calling for \$5,000. The swindler has fleeced the farmers out of no less than \$50,000 in this part of the State.

Mrs. Meyer's Birthday Party.

A reception was held Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Celestine Meyer, in Brooklyn, in celebration of her seventy-fifth birthday. Mrs. Meyer was the recipient of numerous tokens of esteem, flowers, etc., and received the hearty congratulations of all present. During the evening vocal solos, recitations, etc., were given, after which refreshments were served. Notwithstanding her advanced age Mrs. Meyer looks remarkably well and enjoys the best of health.

\$150,000 Fire at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, May 20.—Fire started in the shops of the King Iron Bridge Company tonight and totally destroyed shop No. 1, Shop No. 2 was partially destroyed. The loss is \$150,000. Insurance, \$100,000.

Horses Burned in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Fire broke out this morning in the People's outfitting company's warehouse in West Madison street, two doors from the Haymarket Theatre. Thirty horses were kept in the barns, and many of them were burned. The loss will not exceed \$20,000.

HALF A MILLION TO CHARITY.

Generous Bequests of Henry Rosenberg, the Galveston Banker.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 20.—Enough is known of the will of Henry Rosenberg, the banker, who died here last week, to show he has bequeathed more than half his fortune of \$1,000,000 to public charities.

During his life he erected a public school building here, at a cost of \$1,000,000, and gave quite as much more in various ways.

His will provides for the erection of a church, endowments for widows and orphans' homes, gives \$20,000 for a drinking fountain; \$5,000 for a monument to heroes of the Texas Republic, and \$25,000 for a public library. His family and friends are provided for to the amount of \$400,000.

His gifts to Galveston aggregate \$520,000.

KANSAS COAL MINERS ON STRIKE.

It Is Expected that 9,000 Men in the State Will Soon Be Idle.

WEIR CITY, Kan., May 20.—The strike of coal miners, which has been threatening in this district for about a month, is now on. The strikers declare that all the 8,000 miners in the State will soon be idle, and that the fight will be one to the bitter end.

The cause of the strike is the new schedule of prices brought about by the new State Screen law. The miners claim that the new schedule is a reduction from the old prices, while operators contend that the pay is the same as before, or slightly better.

Fatal West Virginia Duel.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 20.—Albert Mitchell was shot dead by William Shepherd at Gauley Bridge last night, and Shepherd received three bullets from Mitchell's revolver and will probably die. Mitchell is an uncle of J. L. Hogg, an old enemy of Shepherd, and when the three met after several weeks the bring was immediately begun.

Kupper's Efforts to Die Were Successful.

Conrad Kupper, proprietor of the Saratoga Express and Van Company, who attempted suicide in his office, 905 Sixth avenue, Thursday morning, by turning on the gas from four burners, died this morning in Roosevelt Hospital. Business trouble was the cause of his suicide. He leaves a wid and two children.

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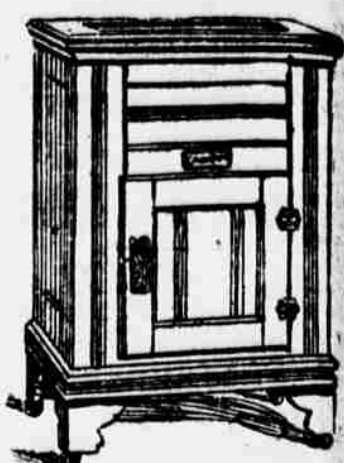
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